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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING, OCTOBER 10, 1974

FOR ANDERSON FROM S/PRS

FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS KING'S RESPONSES AT OCTOBER 10
PRESS BRIEFING:

1. CUBA -- SECRETARY MET WITH SENATORS PELL AND JAVITS
TUESDAY AND THEY REVIEWED THEIR TRIP WITH HIM. HE FOUND
THEIR REPORT INTERESTING AND USEFUL. THEY TOLD SECRETARY
CASTRO INFORMED THEM OF POSSIBLE IMMINENT RELEASE FROM
CUBAN PRISON OF SOME AMERICANS.

WE WELCOME YESTERDAY'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT FOUR AMERICANS
WOULD BE RELEASED AND HOPE IT HAPPENS SOON. ALTHOUGH
CUBANS STATED THIS RELEASE TO BE MADE ON SENATORS' AND
NOT USG BEHALF, IN OUR JUDGMENT PELL AND JAVITS ARE NOT
IN VIOLATION OF LOGAN ACT. IT WAS QUITE AN ACCEPTABLE
HUMANITARIAN THING TO DO FOR JAVITS/PELL TO RAISE QUESTION
OF PLIGHT OF SOME OF THESE AMERICANS HELD IN CUBA.

WHILE CUBAN GOVERNMENT HAS PREROGATIVE TO INVITE OTHER
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LEGISLATORS TO HAVANA, WE KNOW OF NO PLANS OF OTHERS TO GO

THERE.

2. MANSFIELD RESOLUTION ON TURKISH AID CUTOFF -- WE
SUPPORT THIS RESOLUTION AND HOPE CONGRESS ADOPTS IT.

3. NEGOTIATIONS ON TRADE BILL AND JACKSON AMENDMENT --
SECRETARY ALSO HAD OPPORTUNITY MEET WITH SENATORS JACKSON,
JAVITS AND RIBICOFF TUESDAY. WHILE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTAL
OFFICERS ARE CONCERNED WITH THE GENERAL SUBJECT, FURTHER
ACTION PROBABLY HAS TO AWAIT RETURN OF SECRETARY FROM
MIDDLE EAST. WOULD NOT RULE OUT CABLE OR TELEPHONIC
TRAFFIC ON SUBJECT SINCE SECRETARY HAS IT VERY MUCH IN MIND
NOR DO WE QUARREL WITH JACKSON ASSESSMENT THAT PROGRESS
HAS BEEN MADE.

4. SECRETARY'S VIEWS ON OIL CRISIS -- DECLINED TO COMMENT
ON GERMAN PRESS REPORT ALLEGING WEST GERMAN OFFICIALS
HAVE TERMED SECRETARY'S VIEWS ON OIL CRISIS AS FADDISH
AND OVER-PESSIMISTIC.

5. HARCOS-FLETCHER -- THEY ARE OUT ON BAIL FROM CALCUTTA
PRISON AND THERE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE CONSULAR ACCESS
TO THEM. WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT ARE THE SPECIFIC CHARGES
AGAINST THEM.

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